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P R E F A C E.

THIS little Essay is intended for Young Officers preparing for the Army. It treats chiefly of Field Fortification: but a few chapters are added on Permanent Works. And some instruction is given on the attack both of Field and of Regular Works.

But it must be thoroughly understood that, in order to obtain an intelligent knowledge of the whole subject, an officer must proceed to study larger and more elaborate works; and especially that he should make himself acquainted with the principles of the great arm of Artillery, without which, no enlarged conceptions can be formed of the powers either of attack or defence. It is Artillery combined with Musketry, that animates military works; and such is the present power of Artillery that it may be safely said to be double what it was when the great masters of the art, Vauban, Coëhorn, Bousmard, &c., wrote their able treatises on Fortification.

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